

celebrated their bicentennial with a special program at the church April 29th.

1985 - A few acres of the old canning factory property were purchased by the Hemlock Firemen and leveled off for a park. A pavilion has been built and a nice playground. It is a good place for family picnics.

1985 - The 1812 Country Store (a landmark on the corner of Big Tree and Rt. 15A) was sold to the Rapelje family. The store had been operated by Ruth Woodruff since 1951.

1989 - This year celebrates the 160th Anniversary of the Hemlock Post Office and the 25th year of service by our present Postmaster, Shirley Marshall.

#### Old Time Businesses - Long Gone

Burch & Powell - Coal  
Caskey & Hoppough - Hay, Straw & Produce  
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John Dooley - Farm Machinery  
Beam Milling Co. - Beans & Grain  
Carl Scutt - Garage  
Frank Miller - Gas Station  
Hemlock Filter Plant - Water Purifier  
Earl Collins - Red & White Store

#### Doctors of Hemlock From About 1920

Dr. Mills            Dr. Brigham  
Dr. Fred Kenzie    Dr. Hamilton  
Dr. Wilson          Dr. H.W. Trott  
Dr. Mildred Jackson, still living

Dr. Trott, while he was practicing here either owned or leased several acres of land north of the village where he established an airport. "Honky" Reese was a pilot for a time. Records show there were flying lessons taught and that at one time there was a airplane race from Hemlock to Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hamilton occupied a house that was made over from the old school building at the top of North Main Street and it is still a private home.

#### FOOT NOTES

Mrs. Mae Short Woodworth tells us that her first husband, the late Nathan Short, who had built their home on East Avenue in Livonia, N.Y. had passed away December 2, 1966. Nathan was the last living male member of the Short family who had come to Hemlock as the first settler (Philip Short). "Nate" was a first class carpenter and he worked around the Hemlock and Livonia areas for most of his life. He always had the interest of the community at heart. He was 70 years of age when he passed away.

the people who have lived and worked here. Space does not permit at this time. If we have left out something or someone, please accept our regrets.

#### April 1989 - Businesses of Hemlock Today

-Bernhardt Lumber, Inc. - Bernhardt Remodeling Center  
-Graywood Farms - Bill Gray, Owner thoroughbred horses since 1968  
-1812 Country Store - Now owned by the Rapelje family  
-Ledco, Inc. - Owned and operated by Mr. George Swingle since 1965  
-Livingston Leasing - Mark Wemett, ice cube business since 1965  
-Albert Gruschow - Meat processing plant and locker plant since 1965  
-Briggs Well Drilling and Bulldozer work since 1974  
-Hemlock Automotive (formerly Agway Petroleum)  
-Curtis Enterprises - Makers and sales of canoes since 1977  
-Kenneth C. Akers - Service & Gas Station (formerly Fabrey's) since 1976  
-Agway - Purchased from Beam Milling Co. since September 1942  
-Rumfelt's Food & Fuel - Gas Station and food  
-Lynn Wheeler - Dealer in Knapp Shoes  
-Two Beauty Parlors - Mary Knapp and Judy Pike  
-Quality Used Cars

#### HEMLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1919-1988

A fire-fighting organization came into existence in 1919 through the efforts of John P. Coykendall. He realized the need for equipment and manpower to protect the homes and property in the Hemlock area. A total of \$250 was collected and used to purchase the first piece of equipment, a foam extinguisher with 40 gallon capacity. It was mounted on two wooden rubber-tired wheels.

The "equipment" was housed in John Coykendall's garage during the summer and moved to Carl Scutt's heated garage for the winter. There were only three privately owned trucks in town at this time and each owner took turns hauling the foam tank to fires.

By 1920, real interest in a fire department had developed. The Beam Milling Company gave the fire department a Reo Speed Wagon on which the chemical tank was then mounted. As time passed, the second foam tank was purchased and the two tanks were placed on a new Chevrolet truck.